



Dear Manager,

Welcome to the 2009 Spring/Summer Adult Softball program sponsored by the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. We are proud of the softball program and feel that it is recognized as one of the best in the state. We intend to continue that tradition and make any improvements necessary to make your season as enjoyable as possible.

**New for 2009:** Our plans involve the implementation of a single-elimination tournament for each league. Men's and women's leagues will participate in a 14 game round robin format with a single elimination tournament. Our co-recreational program will offer a 9 game round robin with a single-elimination tournament. The number of games offered for men's and women's leagues total 15 while our co-recreational leagues are guaranteed 10 games.

This manual contains important information about the softball program. It is important that you familiarize yourself *and your team* with this information.

**Note:** Managers may access this manual online for interested parties.

**2008 Summer League Standings**  
**Summer Softball Registration Information**  
**League Fees/Deadlines**  
**League Rules**  
**Line-up Cards**  
**Final Roster Forms**  
**Tentative Roster**

Once again, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Good luck and have a great season.

Sincerely,

Mark Sterner  
Area Sports Manager



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## ***SUMMER SOFTBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION***

March 2 – 25, 2009

### **I. Sign up**

- A. Primary Nights - APPROXIMATELY 12 GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE PRIMARY NIGHT, WHILE 3-4 GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON FRIDAY NIGHTS. There is the possibility of double-headers based on the overall number of teams in the program.

<b>MONDAYS</b>	-Competitive C, Recreational B & E
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	-Competitive B, Recreational D, Women's B
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	-Competitive A, Recreational A & C, Women's C
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	-Women's A & Competitive D,
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	-All leagues other than Co-Rec will have 3-4 nights
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	-Co-Rec A, B, C, D

### **B. 2009 Program Information**

#### **1. Scheduling**

- a. Games held at Twin Lakes
- b. Reasonable requests must be indicated on tentative rosters.
- c. **League placement announced after Noon on Thursday, March 26 on the softball hotline, 349-3610. If you have a problem with your league placement, you must contact our office by 5:00pm on Friday, March 27. After this date, no adjustment can/will be made.**

#### **2. Tentative /Final Roster**

- a. Entire teams may not participate in 2 different leagues.
- b. Players may not play for 2 teams in the same division.
- c. **Players that play on a Competitive C or above league must be approved by the Parks & Recreation office to participate on a team that is placed in our recreational leagues. Homerun hitters should choose leagues situated in our competitive divisions only.**
- d. Players must choose to participate in Competitive A or B. You may not participate in both divisions.
- e. Teams will be placed by the advisory board based on the composite ability of the players on the roster along with previous season(s) result

3. **Staffing Needs**
  - a. Umpires – Rookie Umpire class meets March 23-26 and March 30,31, and April 1 and 2
  - b. Supervisors
  - c. Scorekeepers
  - d. ConcessionsApplications are available at the main Parks & Recreation office (401 N. Morton Street, Suite 250) during business hours. Those interested in the umpire school may contact Mark Sterner (349-3768) for more information.
4. **Reminder, at random roster audits will take place for the spring/summer league. All players must sign the Waiver of Liability before participating.**
5. **Individuals looking for a team may sign up on our individual sign up sheet available at the main Parks and Recreation office. Managers looking for players may come in to obtain a copy of the individual sign-up sheet. This is not a guarantee of placement on a team within the Bloomington Softball Association.**

**II. Fees** - All team fees must be brought to the **main Parks and Recreation Office, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.** (Check, cash, or Master Card/Visa, Discover accepted). Office hours are 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. **Managers may obtain registration information and mail, or bring in team fees March 2 through March 25 from 8am-5pm.** No team fees will be accepted at Twin Lakes.

Team - \$900 Men's and Women's \$675 Co-Rec. Half or full sponsor fee due no later than Wednesday, March 25. The remaining balance is due no later than April 9 by 5:00pm.

**\*\*Managers should submit your roster and payment (multiple checks made out to Bloomington Parks and Recreation are acceptable).**

**Rosters with less than 10 players will not be accepted.**

**III. Schedule Release Dates** - Pick up on April 8 & 9 at the main office for Parks and Recreation, located at 401 N. Morton St., suite 250 (City Hall) when final roster with a minimum 10 signed players are turned in. **At this point the final team fee payment is due. We will not be accepting team fees at Twin Lakes.**

- A. Season begins April 13 – Men's and Women's  
Season begins April 19 – Co-recreational
- B. Game times and fields - Twin Lakes: All league games Monday - Friday, 6:00, 7:10, 8:20, and 9:30 and all Co-Rec leagues; Sundays, 1:40, 2:50, 4:00, and 5:10.

IV. **ASA Rules** - See 2009 ASA guidebook. (Will receive upon paying balance of team fee).

V. **Practice Field Reservations**

Available Fields

Bryan Park	-March – October: <b>available times may vary</b>
Thompson Park	-March – October: <b>available times may vary.</b>
Lower Cascades	-March – October: <b>Sundays only and may vary.</b>

VI. **Renting Fields for Tournaments**

Cost - \$25 hour/per field with maintenance, \$17 hour/per field without maintenance.

**Includes:** maintenance, lights, field supervisor, bases, scoreboards, concession (based upon event size).

**Does not include:** liability insurance, umpires, scorekeepers, balls, awards, and teams.

**\*\*Contact Mark Sterner (349-3768) to determine available weekends.**

II. **Miscellaneous**

- A. 2009 Men's B/C & D/E A.S.A. Dudley Challenge Series June 20 & 21
- B. 2009 Indiana A.S.A. MSP E South State Tournament August 8 & 9
- C. 2009 A.S.A. Girl's Class A 18 Under and B 10 Under Fast Pitch National Championship July 28- August 2
- D. **No one but on-duty Parks & Rec staff/umpires (ABSOLUTELY NO MANAGERS, PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS) will be allowed in the umpires/supervisors rooms at Twin Lakes.**
- E. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed in the dugouts at Twin Lakes or Lower Cascades during our adult softball program.

**SOFTBALL INFORMATION HOTLINE  
349-3610 Press Option #1  
PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE 349-3700**

The hotline number will be operable for league placement, standings, tournament information and rain out information. Please circulate this number to your players. All information on this line will be as current as possible 24 hours a day. **Call after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:00 p.m. on Sundays** for updated rain out information.

VII **E-Mail Addresses**

- Mark Sterner, Area Sports Manager at: [sternerm@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:sternerm@bloomington.in.gov)
- Chris Truelock, Sports Coordinator at: [truelocc@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:truelocc@bloomington.in.gov)
- Indiana ASA: [www.indiana-asa.org](http://www.indiana-asa.org)
- ASA (certified bats, equipment, etc.): [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com)
- Parks and Recreation: [www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks) This sight is designed to provide the following information:
  - Manager's Packet
  - Deadlines
  - Rainout schedule
  - Other Important Information
  - Standing

**SUMMER 2009  
BLOOMINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
LEAGUE FEES/DEADLINES**

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S  
LEAGUES**

Team Fee

15-game schedule

\$255 (Umpires)

40 (Dudley Balls)

35 (Supervisors)

53 (Scorekeeper)

40 (Awards)

25 (ASA Sanction Fee)

**\$450 = Total Fee**

**CO-RECREATIONAL  
LEAGUES**

Team Fee

10-game schedule

\$110 (Umpires)

27 (Balls)

32 (Supervisors)

35 (Scorekeepers)

40 (Awards)

25 (ASA Sanction Fee)

**\$ 270 = Total Fee**

**The remaining team fee covers:**

-Field Lighting (Electric)

-Field Maintenance (equip. and product)

-Water/Sewer

-Institutional Supplies (trash bags & paper products)

## **Explanation of Fees**

1. Team Fees are used to cover direct costs of the program (utility, staff, and maintenance of the fields).
2. Two new balls are furnished for each game and one is given to each team following the game.
3. Sanction fee for ASA is mandatory for all teams. This fee is included in your \$675 team fee (co-rec) and \$900 (men's, women's, and church).
4. No forfeit fee was included in the fee. **If your team forfeits a game without giving prior notice they will not be able to play again until a \$15 non-refundable fee is paid.** Prior notice must be given to the Parks and Recreation Department (349-3700) in time to contact the opponent and staff.

## ***ROSTER AUDIT POLICY***

The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department will conduct at-random roster audits again this season. We allow managers to add players throughout the course of the season with prior approval. This process is in place to keep the playing field fair allowing us to check to make sure that everyone listed on a team's line-up has gained necessary approval. We are making an effort to allow managers more roster flexibility throughout the course of the season. We expect our managers to follow the rules.

During the **at-random roster audits** the softball supervisor will check the original roster prior to the game with the audited team. Players will be asked to provide identification to verify identity. If the player cannot, or refuses to provide picture identification the team manager will have 24 hours to prove the players identity. If the player/manager fails to comply within 24 hours the game will be recorded as a forfeit for the offending team.

**Managers and offending players caught participating without necessary approval and signed on the roster are subject to removal from the Adult Softball Association.**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**BLOOMINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**SUMMER 2009**

***SECTION I - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION***

Name and Objective - The name of the organization shall be the Bloomington Softball Association. Its objective shall be to foster softball and the aims and ideals of the Department of Parks and Recreation; to present a healthful and wholesome pastime to all those who are interested, whether as players or spectators; and to uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play.

Membership - Any amateur softball team may become a member of this association providing the personal eligibility requirements, as set forth in Section II, are met by all members.

Administration - The affairs of the Bloomington Softball Association shall be governed by the Department of Parks & Recreation and administered by the Area Sports Manager, full-time Sports Division Staff and designated league supervisors.

Administrative and Disciplinary Action - The Area Sports Manager shall rule on all cases of player and spectator misconduct, protests of games and objectives and purposes of the Association as expressed in Section I, and the rules and regulations in this document and the Official Rule Book of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA).

Board of Representatives - A Board of Representatives for the association shall be appointed by the Area Sports Manager and will consist of members of the leagues.

Function of the Board - The Board shall assist the Area Sports Manager and the Sports Coordinator in making decisions involving team placement by skill level into the appropriate division of play. The Board may sit in review of any appealed protest or administrative action previously ruled on by the Area Sports Manager.

- a. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Area Sports Manager within 48 hours of the initial ruling. In the case of appealed decisions, the Board of Representatives shall review all cases when necessary and either uphold the decision as handed down by the Area Sports Manager or recommend secondary action. Decisions involving departmental policy cannot be appealed.

When the Board of Representatives is called to hear a case, a majority of the members must be present to constitute a quorum. Meetings may be called by the Area Sports Manager with a 24 hour notice.

Playing Rules                      The official rules of "Slow Pitch" softball as approved by the Amateur Softball Association shall govern the play of the Association except where modified by the Bloomington Softball Association.

League Ties                        Should two or more teams tie in the final standings of a league for a position to which awards are presented, there will be no playoff. The tie breaking procedure is as follows:

1. Best percentage head to head competitive record. (Not valid with incomplete head to head schedule)
2. Average margin of victory in head to head competition. (Not valid with incomplete head to head schedule)
3. Average margin of victory in all league play.

## ***SECTION II - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND CONDUCT***

### **Player Personnel**

To be eligible to participate in the Bloomington Softball Association for 2009 a player:

- a. Must be 18 years of age prior to participation. A player is eligible on their eighteenth birthday.
- b. Players may play on more than one team providing they are not in the same division. **Administration will not make provisions during the scheduling process to avoid time conflicts for players participating on multiple teams.**
- c. **A team, in a specific league, is limited to a maximum of 4 players (per approval) who wish to play on another team in a different league. (i.e., The same five players playing on a Competitive B team will not be permitted to participate on a Competitive C team.)**
- d. **Players participating on a Competitive D or higher team must be approved by Sports Administration to participate in our Recreational leagues.**

### **Rosters**

1. Every player must sign the official team roster. Rosters for the first game are due in the Parks and Recreation Office on the assigned days listed on the fee sheet. Any team whose roster is not on file prior to that team's participation in a game will warrant the forfeiture of that game and any others until the roster is completed and on file.
2. **\*\*Roster adjustments and additional players, different from the tentative roster, may be added throughout the course of the season. In this instance, all non-active players must be dropped from the roster. Additional players may be added only by approval of Mark Sterner and/or Chris Truelock.**
3. **Managers may roster as many players as they need to complete the season. All players added to the roster beyond March 25 must gain approval from Sports Administration and sign the team roster.**

### **Transfers**

1. **A player that desires to transfer to another team must have his or her manager notify Mark Sterner and/or Chris Truelock prior to be considered an eligible transfer. A player may only transfer once during a season.**



- a. All transfers must follow all necessary eligibility requirements listed in section II of this document.

### Player Conduct

1. Bloomington Parks and Recreation operates a zero tolerance league with respect to unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, and after games. This includes vulgar language and verbal abuse to our staff. Conduct in these categories constitutes ejection **without warning**. This is a written warning of this policy. A cornerstone of this program is a clean environment; therefore umpires are instructed to issue ejections on audible obscenities. Please notify your players of this policy before the season starts.
2. Any Sports Division full-time staff, departmental supervisors, or any duly appointed umpire, is authorized to remove from the game any player, manager, or spectator who shall dispute the accuracy of their decisions, or judgments on a play or who shall engage in unsportsmanlike conduct. Additionally, this rule includes all park and departmental policies/rules and regulations.
3. The manager/coach of the team affected shall be responsible for the removal of the offending person(s) from the game. The Softball Supervisor will assist in this removal if necessary. If the offender fails to leave within 2 minutes, game officials will award a forfeit to the opposing team.
4. **A participant ejected from the game by an official is automatically ineligible for the next game for that team. Additionally, if the participant is rostered with another team(s), he/she is ineligible for that next game(s).** An offending team that accrues a second ejection within any one game results in a forfeiture of that game (this includes traditional or optional batting line-ups). Any situation involving participants and spectators misconduct shall be referred to the Area Sports Manager for possible further administrative action.
5. Any player or coach who has been expelled from **two** games during the season will be dismissed for the remainder of the season.
6. Any participant who assaults another player, coach, spectator, official, or Parks and Recreation employee, shall be dismissed from the league. **Violent threats or verbal attacks are considered assaults**. This action will not be appealed before the Board.
7. Any player who throws a bat that may endanger other participants or spectators shall be ejected from the game. No prior warning from the umpire is necessary. The batter shall be declared out and runners may not advance.
8. No player, coach or spectator shall be allowed on the premises if under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Additionally, smoking is not allowed on the field or in the dugout areas. On March 27, 2003, the City of Bloomington Common Council passed smoking ordinance 03-06. Effective August 1, 2003, the ordinance bans smoking in public places and places of employment.

9. No pets are allowed inside the fenced property of Twin Lakes or Lower Cascades parks per city ordinance.
10. No manager, player, or spectator is allowed in the umpire room. **Violation of this rule will result in an automatic suspension from the Adult Softball Program. This room is a safe zone where our staff can retreat to in an effort to remove themselves from athletic competition and its associated behaviors.**
11. **It is the responsibility of the Manager/Coach of each team to insure that all players have read and understand the provisions of these rules and regulations and those of the Official ASA Rule Book. Ignorance of these provisions shall be no excuse for their being abused.**

#### Uniform Requirements

1. A minimum uniform requirement for all leagues shall be: All players with same color uniform jersey/or T-shirt with a minimum of 6-inch numerals located on the back. **This rule will be enforced beginning with the first game of the season!**
2. **An out will be recorded for any player failing to comply with the uniform requirements each time they come to bat. The player will be allowed to take their turn at bat. If the player would be the 3rd out of the inning, he/she will be declared out and not be allowed to bat until the next inning. No additional out will be declared in the next inning.**  
**\*\*The deadline for compliance is the day of your first scheduled game of play.**

#### ***SECTION III - GAME ADMINISTRATION***

1. All games shall be scheduled at **70-minute** intervals. Games will start at the scheduled time or upon completion of the preceding game. Game time is forfeit time. A **65-minute** game time limit will exist. Clock will begin with the release of the first pitch. No new inning will begin after the 65-minute game time limit has expired. No extension of innings will be allowed except in the case of ties.
2. In instances where a preceding game was completed prior to the expiration of the time limit, teams should be present and ready to play within 10 minutes.

No game will start before its scheduled time unless both teams agree to start early.

3. A forfeit will be called by the **Softball Supervisor** if a team is not ready to play and has less than eight players **in their dugout at game time.**
4. Any team starting with less than their declared number of players will be penalized an out for each player short. A team must declare 9, 10 or 11 players. When any additional players arrive, they must be inserted into the game and be placed at the end of the batting order. (This rule does not apply to Co-Rec). If a team starts the game with 8 players, an out is recorded at the bottom of the batting rotation for each player absent from the number declared.

5. Batting Options For 2009

- A. **New For 2009: Optional Batting Line-up (Bat your bench)** – Teams will be permitted to insert all their players into a continuous batting line-up. This is an optional rule. If you wish to do so (bat your bench), you must notify the scorekeeper when you submit your line-up. Once the game starts you cannot go from a set 10 player line-up to a continuous line-up (bat your bench).

If you start with the entire team in the line-up (bat your bench), you should finish with the entire team in the line-up. In the event of an ejection an out will be recorded in the ejected players spot at bat. Upon the second ejection the game is forfeited. (See Section II, Item 4 in relationship to ejections).

*Example: 15 players show up to play. All 15 players will bat continuously plus, free defensive substitution*

- B. **Traditional Batting Line-up** –Roster declares 10 players. In addition, you may bat 1 extra player (EP) within a traditional line-up which would bring your lineup to 11 total players. All A.S.A. substitution and re-entry rules apply. (All A.S.A. rules apply in reference to ejections)

*Example: 15 players show up to play. The lineup must declare at least 10. If a team starts the game with 8 players, an out is recorded at the bottom of the batting rotation for each player absent from the number declared. When any additional players arrive, they must be inserted into the game and be placed at the end of the batting order. (This rule does not apply to Co-Rec).*

Substitution

A starter may re-enter the game once, provided:

1. He/she must occupy the same position in the batting order.
2. In the case of player injury, a substitute who has already played may re-enter a game in his/her place to avoid forfeiture. If there is the possibility of more than one substitute, the opposing team may pick which substitute should enter the game.

5. Completed line-up forms must be turned into the scorekeeper by the team manager at least 5 minutes before game time. **In instances where a preceding game is still in progress or has gone into extra innings, at your scheduled game time, the line-up rule is still enforced.** If only one team has their line-up in on time, they automatically get the choice of home or visiting team. If both teams' line-ups are not in on time, the game clock will begin at game time and the first team to submit their line-up will get the choice of home or visiting team. However, the actual game will not start until both line-ups are turned in. If both line-ups are in on time, no penalty is enforced. Line-up sheets are available at each score tower.

6. Pre-game warm-up is only permitted to take place in the outfield playing area and the designated warm-up area.
7. **Run Rules: 20 after three innings, 15 after four innings or 10 after five innings.**
8. The following over the fence home run limits will be in effect: Competitive A – four homeruns per team & progressive up to six, Competitive B – Three homeruns per team & progressive up to five, Competitive C – Two homeruns per team & progressive up to four. All balls hit over the fence in excess of the following limits will result in the batter being declared out. Players will not run the bases.

#### Forfeitures

1. Games that are forfeited during the course of a game due to a technical rule violation or games which are forfeited with notification to the sports department at least 24 hours before game time will not have a forfeiture fee penalty imposed. Teams failing to give a 24 hour notice are responsible for a \$15 forfeiture fee to be paid before your next scheduled game. **Co-recreational** teams must notify the Parks and Recreation Department (349-3700) by Friday at 3pm to avoid a forfeit fee.
2. **If a team fails to pay the forfeiture fee before its next game, the game will be declared a forfeit.**
3. A team who forfeits **2 league games** during the regular season is subject to dismissal from the Bloomington Softball Association.

#### Ground Rules

1. Ground rules will be established for Twin Lakes discussed with team captains prior to each game.
2. Any player who, in the umpire's judgment, excessively digs or removes dirt from the batter's box will be declared out.

#### Regulation Game

1. A regulation game shall consist of seven innings. A full seven innings need not be played if the team second at bat scores more runs in six and one half innings, and/or before the third out in the last of the seventh inning, or the run ahead rule is applied.
2. The Softball Supervisor and umpire together may make a decision to postpone or cancel a game in progress due to inclement weather (lightning, rain, etc.). If lightning or thunder is identified, play will be suspended for 30 minutes provided there is no additional lightning sighted or thunder heard. Each bolt of lightning or sound of thunder constitutes another 30-minute delay period. A game is declared complete if five or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in four or more innings than the other team has scored in five or more innings. In all situations, the Area Sports Manager and/or Sports

Coordinator are contacted before final decision is made.

3. Games that are not declared complete (regulation) will be played over from the beginning at a later scheduled date.

#### Rain Outs/Rescheduled Games

1. Rain out information is available by calling the Softball Information Hotline, 349-3610, by 3:00 p.m. weekdays and by 12:00 p.m. on Sundays.
2. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation rescheduling policy stipulates that no game vacancies will be permitted. Rescheduling requires advanced planning and effort by the manager who desires to reschedule. All cases begin with calling the Area Sports Manager or the Sports Coordinator to obtain manager and game information. The two following cases are the only ones permitted:

Case #1. Switch the entire game with another game in any league. This requires approval from all three managers involved.

Case #2. Trade opponents within your league from the original schedule while keeping the game times/dates the same. This requires approval from the switching team and only informing the team that does not change.

*In both cases, final notification is to be given to the sports staff.*

#### **Stealing Rule Will Not Be Used In League Play**

**ASA Championship play now permits stealing in all men's slow pitch play. This is Rule 8, Section 4 – New G. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation softball league WILL NOT adopt this rule for league play.**

#### ***SECTION IV - FEES AND CHARGES***

Team Fee: \$900 Men's, Women's, Church \$675 Co-Rec

\*See previously mentioned payment process

Forfeit Fee: \$15 (not included in Sponsor fee)

***A minimum of 10 player fees will be accepted.*** Check, cash, or VISA/MasterCard are acceptable to pay fees. Teams will not be allowed to play until all team fees are paid. Should there ever be any dispute regarding payment of fees, failure to provide a receipt will result in no refund being given.

ASA Sanction Fee - All teams will be required to post a \$20 sanction fee for ASA, which is included in the team fee.

#### ***SECTION V - PROTESTS***

1. Protests will not be considered regarding judgment situations. Protests regarding rules and their application must follow these procedures to be valid:

- A. Inform the home plate umpire and official scorekeeper of the protest prior to the next pitch. Be sure the scorekeeper records the protest in the score book noting the conditions at the time of the protest.
  - B. Within 24 hours, submit a written protest to the Parks and Recreation office accompanied by a \$25 protest fee. Protest forms are available at the fields and the Parks and Recreation office.
  - C. In the case of player eligibility or identity, A and B must be followed above. The player must be identified on the spot by the Softball Supervisor and the necessary form and fee (B) be submitted. Post-event calls or inquiries on player identity or eligibility are considered self-policing and will only influence future games.
2. The Area Sports Manager will review the protest and make a ruling. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If the protest is denied, the fee will be retained. When a protest is upheld, the game will resume at the point of protest.
  3. Decisions made by the Area Sports Manager regarding protests may be appealed to the Board of Representatives.

#### ***SECTION VI – GENERAL***

1. Any matter not covered by these Rules and Regulations or an ASA Rule Book will be left to the discretion of the Area Sports Manager and/or Sports Coordinator. His decision, in all cases, except those involving departmental policies may be appealed to the Board of Representatives. The decision reached by the Board shall be final.
2. **Managers, players, spectators, and off-duty staff are NOT permitted in the umpires/supervisors room at Twin Lakes or Lower Cascades Parks. Managers, players and spectators who choose to ignore this rule will be escorted from the facility and could face further action by the Area Sports Manager.**
3. No one under the age of 18 is permitted in the dugouts during our adult league softball program.



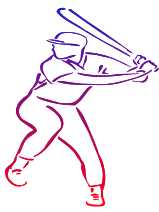
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## 2009 SUMMER CO-RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL RULES

*All league and ASA rules apply to co-recreational softball except for the following changes:*

1. All men must bat opposite their natural hand. If an opposing team wants to challenge the natural hand of a player they must inform the umpire. The umpire will inform the questioned player to switch to the other side to bat the rest of the game.
2. The batting order must be alternated, i.e., male bats then female, then male, etc.
3. 2 males and 2 females must play in the infield and outfield and may play any position. The pitcher and catcher must be opposite sexes. \*Exception: When starting a game with less than 5 males or females, at least one male and one female must play in the infield and outfield. The pitcher and catcher must be opposite sexes.
4. A male must be substituted for a male and a female for a female.
5. **\*\*\*Any walk to a male batter will result in a two-base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. EXCEPTION: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat. NOTE: Should the female batter runner-pass a male batter-runner when choosing to walk, no out shall be called during the dead ball period. A male batter-runner advancing to second without touching first base shall be called out if properly appealed.**
6. Sliding is permitted, however, please be careful to slide only to prevent injury or interference not to cause injury or interference.
7. Steel cleats may not be worn.
8. A game may start with no less than 4 males and 4 females. An out is recorded for every player less than 10 in a game. In the event there are an odd number of male or female players, an out is recorded when the same sex bats consecutively. **Co-recreational teams may bat your bench providing you have an even number of male and female players.**
9. When males are at bat, the 12" ball will be used, when females bat the 11" ball will be used. There is no penalty or protest for using the wrong ball.



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## LINE-UP SHEET

LEAGUE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BALLFIELD RESERVATION PROCEDURE**

In order to more efficiently accommodate our clients who wish to reserve ballfields, the following procedure has been implemented. Reservations will be accepted at the Office by calling 349-3700, (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). Clients must then come in to pay appropriate fees by Thursday of the same week or unpaid field reservations will be released to other teams.

The following fields are available: **Lower Cascades, Bryan Park field #3** and **Thomson Park** during available times. Please contact the office of Parks and Recreation 349-3700 or 349-3768 to check availability.

### **Fees**

Bryan Park, Lower Cascades = \$9 w/out lights (per 1.5 hours)

Thomson = Free (1.5 hour time increments)

**For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Office at 349-3700 from  
8:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.**



# FINAL ROSTER

**Parks &  
Recreation**

**349-3700**

League \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_ Date Audited: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned player, acknowledge, agree and understand that: 1. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league indicated above. 2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in softball that may result in injury or death to me or other players, including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment and other participants. 3. I understand that sliding into base is dangerous to me and to other players and may result in serious injury or death. 4. I understand that the very nature of the game of softball is hazardous and risky, including, but not limited to, the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding, and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players. 5. In the event of such an injury to myself or my child and I or my spouse cannot be contacted. I give permission to the attending physician to render such treatment as would be normal and agree to pay the usual charges for such treatment. Further, I the undersigned player, agree that in consideration for the right to play as a member of the team designated above and in consideration for permission to play on the fields arranged for by the team or league: 1. I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member during practice or play by other teams or by other players on my team, and (c) while on or upon the premises of any and all of the fields arranged or by my team or league for practice or play. 2. I release, discharge, and agree not to sue the team and league designated above, the City of Bloomington or other entity designated above, the Amateur Softball Association of America, or their owners, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field or Amateur Softball Association of America for any claim, damages, costs or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby release.

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	Print Name	Address	Home Phone#	Age	In-City	Disc. Paid
	Signature	City Zip	Wk Phone #		Out	
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	Other Team(s) w/ Leagues You Play On:					
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	Other Team(s) w/ Leagues You Play On:					

As manager of this team, I have duly signed the above players and certify that appropriate individual fees have been submitted and that each player has read and understands the statements on this roster.

Signed (Manager):\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_ All refunds will be subject to a minimum \$2 fee to cover administrative costs. Players fees are not transferable to another player after participation in one league game. Any player added at any time during the season must pay the entire player fee.



## RESERVE PLAYERS FINAL ROSTER

**Parks &  
Recreation**

**349-3700**

League \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_ Date Audited: \_\_\_\_\_

**As a manager, you are allowed to designate 3 reserve players to fill your roster throughout this softball season. They must be approved by Twin Lakes Management. Reserve players are not required to pay a player fee—because they will be filling a spot on your roster that belongs to an absent player who has already paid the full fee. Reserve players are intended to be substitute players on occasional game dates where the manager is unable to field a full team. These reserve players are subject to roster audits just as any other regular player. You may not change the reserve players on this roster without express consent of Twin Lakes Management. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.**

I, the undersigned player, acknowledge, agree and understand that: 1. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league indicated above. 2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in softball that may result in injury or death to me or other players, including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment and other participants. 3. I understand that sliding into base is dangerous to me and to other players and may result in serious injury or death. 4. I understand that the very nature of the game of softball is hazardous and risky, including, but not limited to, the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding, and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players. 5. In the event of such an injury to myself or my child and I or my spouse cannot be contacted. I give permission to the attending physician to render such treatment as would be normal and agree to pay the usual charges for such treatment. Further, I the undersigned player, agree that in consideration for the right to play as a member of the team designated above and in consideration for permission to play on the fields arranged for by the team or league: 1. I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member during practice or play by other teams or by other players on my team, and (c) while on or upon the premises of any and all of the fields arranged or by my team or league for practice or play. 2. I release, discharge, and agree not to sue the team and league designated above, the City of Bloomington or other entity designated above, the Amateur Softball Association of America, or their owners, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field or Amateur Softball Association of America for any claim, damages, costs or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby release.

	Print Name	Address	Home Phone #	Age
	Signature	City Zip	Wk Phone #	
1				
	Other Team(s) w/ Leagues You Play On:			
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	Other Team(s) w/ Leagues You Play On:			
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	Other Team(s) w/ Leagues You Play On:			

As manager of this team, I have duly signed the above players and certify that each player has read and understands the statements on this roster.

Signed (Manager): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# TENTATIVE ROSTER

Men's

Women's

Co-Rec

League Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name (18 Character's) \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Telephone Numbers: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate person to contact in the event that we cannot reach the manager:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Work/Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Request \_\_\_\_\_

Players Name	TEAM PLAYED ON LAST YEAR	LEAGUE PLAYED IN LAST YR	AGE	# YEARS PLAYED SOFTBALL	# YEARS PLAYED HS/Colleg
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The purpose of this form is to assist the advisory board in placing this team in the appropriate league. Decisions are based on the information on this form, as well as observations and knowledge of those on the advisory board. Please fill out the form honestly and accurately to assist in proper placement. **I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THIS ROSTER IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

Manager's Signature \_\_\_\_\_